

# Gokulam LLC

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To,  
Rob Salisbury / Tyson Green,  
Department of Planning and Development  
County Government Center, East Wing 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Clara County, 70 W Hedding Street, San Jose CA 95110

Subject: Demolition, Regularization and Building Permit to Abate intent to record violation

Dear Rob Salisbury and Tyson Green,

We would like to resubmit the application for design review for a comprehensive Demolition, Regularization and Building Permit to abate amended notice of violation # VIO19-00082 dated 06/05/2020

The description of the proposed work is as follows:

- Demolition and Regularization of the existing structures and installation of metal livestock shelter to meet immediate need of sheltering livestock displaced from the demolition.
  - The following structures #1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 will be demolished as shown in the plan
    - #1 – Existing metal Agricultural vehicle equipment storage shed (with 3 open sides)
    - #2 – Temporary livestock shelter with tarp covering
    - #3 – Temporary livestock shelter with tarp covering
    - #6 – Temporary livestock feed storage shed
    - #7 – Temporary metal livestock shelter (with 3 open sides)
  - The following structures #4 and 5 will be regularized as shown in the plan
    - #4 – Existing metal storage shed
    - #5 – Existing wooden well, tank and storage shed
  - The following structure is proposed to be built
    - **Ag. Shed** – Proposed metal storage shed of gross floor area of 1,450 sq.ft. size for storing agricultural supplies, equipment, feed and agricultural vehicles.
      - This shed will have a NFPA-13 fire sprinklering system.
      - This shed will be anchored to the ground with mobile home anchors rated for 110 mph wind. The flooring for the shed and surrounding area, as shown in the plans, will be concrete over aggregate base.
      - This includes an electrical permit to cover the proposed electrical outlets and lighting in this shed and the main power line coming from the existing electric pole to this shed.
    - **Livestock Shelter** – Proposed metal livestock shelter of gross floor area of 1,972 sq.ft. size to meet immediate need of sheltering livestock displaced from the demolition of structures #2, 3, 6, 7. The structure will include an additional 2,731 sq. ft of covered and partially enclosed area or lean-to portion of the structure.
      - This shed will be a metal building and the purpose of this shed is to house livestock, grass/feed and related supplies.
      - This shed will have a NFPA-13 fire sprinklering system.

- This shed will be anchored to the ground with mobile home anchors rated for 110 mph wind. The flooring for the shed and surrounding area, as shown in the plans, will be concrete over aggregate base. Galvanized iron holding pens and corrals will be installed to separate cows from calves, etc.
- This includes an electrical permit to cover the proposed electrical outlets and lighting in this shed and the main power line coming from the existing electric pole to this shed.
- This shed will have a bathroom for employee use and a septic system. DEH has already approved the soil profile and a perc test for the leech field for this septic system.
- **Three Small Livestock Shelters** – Proposed metal livestock shelters of gross floor area of 484 sq.ft. each to meet immediate need of sheltering livestock displaced from the demolition of structures #2, 3, 6, 7.
  - This shed will be a metal building and the purpose of this shed is to house livestock, grass/feed and related supplies.
  - This shed will be anchored to the ground with mobile home anchors rated for 110 mph wind. The flooring for the shed and surrounding area, as shown in the plans, will be concrete over aggregate base. The area will be fenced as shown in the plan with aggregate ramps and gates leading to the pastures.
- **Mobile Tiny House / RV** – Proposed mobile tiny house / RV will be applied for separately using county's expedited over the counter approval process for temporary agricultural housing.
  - A building pad of 10' x 40' has been shown on the site plan where the mobile tiny house / RV will be located.
  - The OWTS design will include capacity to handle sewage output from the mobile tiny house / RV.
  - A proposed play area for the mobile tiny house / RV is shown on the site plan next to the building pad.

## **Agricultural use of the property:**

### **Overview**

Gokulam Farms is an endeavor by Gokulam LLC to create a thriving, community-supported farm In Santa Clara County. It is located on 80 acres of land that will be primarily used for agriculture at 2425 Old Calaveras Rd, Milpitas, CA 95035. The farm will focus on three broad sets of activities:

1. **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Box:** A weekly subscription model for consumers to buy a box of seasonal vegetables and fruits freshly picked from local farm. We already have commitment from about 90 families to sign-up for this subscription.

### **Agricultural Infrastructure Needed**

Our plan is to build an agricultural infrastructure which consists of outdoor vegetable garden and fruit orchard to be developed at our land in Milpitas.

2. **Vermicompost / Organic Manure – Worm Castings and Spray:** High quality worm castings made from organic feed and manure from special breed of livestock will be sold to local consumers.

### **Agricultural Infrastructure Needed**

A continuous flow vermicomposting system will be installed in the north covered and partially enclosed area of the livestock shelter. The critical feed for the worms needed to produce high quality castings is manure from our

special breed of livestock. We currently have 15 livestock and will be expanding to about 25 cows by 2022 and will expand the herd to about 50 cows by 2030.

3. **Pasture for Premium Orchard Grass Bales for Livestock:** Premium quality bales of Orchard Grass will be sold to local consumers who are looking for a nutritious fresh feed for their livestock.

**Agricultural Infrastructure Needed**

We will have about 4 acres of irrigated pastures and about 55 acres of non-irrigated pastures. We have two wells on the property that have a combined yield of 70 GPM. We will be installing a dual-purpose water tank of 128,427 gallon capacity and associated irrigation infrastructure to support the pastures.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Sincerely appreciate your help and guidance in completing this permit.

Thanking you,



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